

## **2010/2011 Sacramento Workshop - Questions and Answers**

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
1. To satisfy the mailing/emailing portion of the public review requirement, can an applicant utilize the website service "nixle.com"?	No. Utilizing the website "nixle.com" would not satisfy the mailing/emailing portion of the public review requirement. An applicant can choose to use the "nixle.com" service in addition to the mailing/emailing requirement.
2. Can a nonprofit applicant utilize the 15% indirect cost allowance to cover costs associated with employee recruitment, admissions, background checks, medical review, and campus outreach?  Can the indirect cost allowance be utilized to pay travel expenses of employees from various school campuses to project sites in California?	Yes. The activities identified in the question (i.e. general recruitment, hiring checks, etc.) would be eligible as indirect costs.
3. Can a nonprofit applicant purchase a piece of equipment, as part of an OHV grant project, that costs more than \$15,000 if the applicant requests only \$15,000 of the equipment purchase from the OHV Trust fund and pays the balance of the equipment cost with matching funds?	Yes.
4. As a nonprofit applicant interested in applying for an OHV grant project relative to Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) trails, what type of activities would be eligible (i.e. signs, grooming, equipment purchase, equipment maintenance, maps etc..)?	The nonprofit applicant would be eligible to apply for types of activities relative to OSV trails that are not funded through the OHMVR Division grooming program. Activities such as installation of signs, creation of maps, and educational outreach would be eligible.  Any activities associated with the grooming of OSV trails would not be eligible under the OHV grant program.
5. Can an applicant use OHV grant funding associated with a current grant to pay for staff time associated with applying for a new grant (i.e. workshop attendance, workshop travel, OLGA entry etc...)?	No. Costs associated with preparing a new grant application would not be eligible project costs under an existing OHV grant project.

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<p>6. A USFS applicant has an OHV trail that is open from August 1 – October 1. The trail is bordered by meadows that are sensitive habitat for toad/frog species. The USFS would like to conduct a biological study to determine if the trail could be opened a month earlier. Would this biological study be an eligible activity under the OHV grant program? If yes, what project type would it fall under?</p>	<p>Yes. The biological study would be an eligible activity under the OHV grant program. If the study was part of the applicant's Habitat Management Program (HMP) then it would be eligible under a Ground Operation project. If the biological study was not otherwise required by state or federal law, the costs would be eligible under a restoration-scientific study project.</p>
<p>7. A USFS applicant would like to apply for a restoration project to repair habitat damaged by illegal OHV activity. The damage was identified in the fall but no pictures were taken. The project area is now covered in several feet of snow and photos/GPS points will not be able to be gathered until the snow melts. Can the USFS still apply for funding this grant cycle without photos/GPS points?</p>	<p>Yes. The applicant can apply for a restoration project this grant cycle to repair the damage. In OLGA when photos are required, the applicant can attach a placeholder indicating photos are not available due to snow coverage. The applicant can supply the required photos once the project site is accessible.</p> <p>In the future, the applicant should endeavor to capture photos of prospective project sites prior to snow coverage.</p>